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ARKANSAS MOTORISTS URGED TO USE CAUTION DURING JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

LITTLE ROCK (7-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) reminds drivers to use extra caution when driving through work zones during the July 4th holiday.

Extensive highway improvements are underway in the state. With those improvements come work zones. To aid in your holiday travel, AHTD has been working hard to open as many lanes as possible. In fact, a major work zone on Interstate 40 near Hazen is now substantially complete. All lanes of travel will be open between Little Rock and Memphis.

"We understand that travel is very important during the holidays. That's why we are limiting work zones as much as possible," says AHTD Director Scott Bennett.

Still, with many ongoing improvements, travelers will likely face work zones and possible delays due to an increased volume of traffic. Preparation is the key, according Bennett.

"We urge travelers to plan ahead by visiting <u>ArkansasHighways.com</u> for the latest information on construction zones in our state."

Below is a list of Arkansas' major lane closures for the July 4th holiday.

Highways	County	Location	Mile Marker	Length	One Lane Closed
I-40	Pope	Russellville	76-84	8 miles	Both Directions
I-530	Jefferson	Redfield	16-24	8 miles	Both Directions
I-540	Crawford/Sebastian	Ft. Smith	0-8	8 miles	Both Directions
U.S. 67	White	Bald Knob	50-55	5 miles	Both Directions

Additional travel related information can be found at <u>ArkansasHighways.com</u>. You can also follow us on Twitter <u>@AHTD</u>.